

SENATE RESOLUTION 131

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Danny West upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Danny West is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West has volunteered with the Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless (TVCH) since 2017; he is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the organization and works closely with its Pathways Resource Center, especially with fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West's involvement with TVCH began before 2017; after a heart attack, he experienced homelessness and turned to the program. Since completing the program, he has served as an example of what others can achieve; he met his wife, a fellow volunteer, through TVCH and has overcome his financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West's strength and fortitude to overcome difficult situations, coupled with a heart and passion for others, have helped make TVCH a stronger organization; he and his wife intend to make volunteer and mission work a lifelong priority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. West is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Danny West for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.